

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Official Action dated 24 June 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules.

5 Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeguchi, et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is significantly different from that of the cited arts as can be seen from their respective structures. Applicant's invention as specified in the
10 amended claims 1, 3-4, and 6-8 is patentably distinguishable over these references when taken either singularly or in combination for the following reasons:

The Examiner cites Takeguchi, et al. as an example of a device comprising a receptacle 4 including a first side 4c having a first
15 orifice and a USB coupler 40, a second side 4b having an aperture and a coupler, and a circuit board 19. The couplers on sides 4b and 4c are directed in perpendicular directions. As this device meets all of the claimed limitations, it is seen to be a cable coupler device as claimed. In regard to claim 5, it is noted that upper surface 7 has an
20 opening 52 for USB coupler 50. In regard to claim 8, the receptacle also includes an orifice for a power source connector 20. In regard to claims 3 and 6, it is noted that IEEE sets standards for all of the connectors shown by Takeguchi; therefore, all of the couplers shown are seen to be IEEE couplers as claimed.

25 However, actually, in Takeguchi et al., only two couplers on sides 4b and 4c are disclosed and directed in perpendicular directions. Takeguchi et al. fail to disclose three couplers on three sides that are directed in perpendicular directions, such that only

two couplers may be attached or coupled to Takeguchi et al., and the couplers may be difficult to be plugged or coupled to Takeguchi et al. when the device is attached to the corners of house buildings.

By contrast, in Applicant's invention, as amended in the amended claims 1, 3-4 and 6-8, the circuit board (30) includes three couplers (31-33) directed toward X, Y, and Z directions, for allowing the cable coupler device to be attached to corner areas of house buildings, and for allowing three couplers to be plugged or coupled to the cable coupler device from different directions.

The cited arts fail to teach a circuit board (30) including three couplers (31-33) directed toward X, Y, and Z directions, for allowing three couplers to be plugged or coupled to the cable coupler device from different directions. The applicant's invention is different from that of the cited arts and has improved over the cited arts.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably distinguishable over the cited arts and that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner LUEBKE are appreciated.

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